THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) An option to answer three out of five Question papers of the examination in Hindi is already available. The question of giving the facility to answer the other two question papers in Hindi is being examined in consultation with Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Railways.

Cases against executives of PSUs with CBI

3220. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has registered cases against Chief Executives of Central Public Sector Undertakings during the last 6 months;

(b) if so, the names of the Chief Executives/Undertakings against whom charges have been framed;

(c) the details of the charges framed;

(d) whether Government propose to contemplate further action in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the last 6 months, four cases have been registered by the CBI against Chief Executives as detailed below:

Ex-Chairman-Cum-Managing Director, Rashtriya Chemical Fertilizers, Bombay, Ex-CMD, Vijaya Bank, Bangalore. Chairman-cum-Managing Director (retd.), Hindustan Photo Films Ltd., Ooty.

Ex-M.D., National Consumer Cooperative Federation.

(c) to (e) The cases are at the initial stage of investigation. After the receipt of the investigation report, the concerned administrative Ministries will take necessary action.

Temporary vacancies in Government service

3221. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, under Central Secretariat Service Rules, direct recruitment is required to be made only against substantive vacancies and all temporary vacancies are to be filled only by the temporary appointment of promotee officers;

(b) whether the confirmation to various grades of said service is regulated by the statutory rules;

(c) whether under recently issued administrative instructions, confirmation has been delinked with availabilities of substantive vacancies but these administrative instructions do not override the statutory provisions of Central Secretariat Service Rules;

(d) whether since 1989 onwards, direct recruitment is being made in Section Officers' grade even against temporary vacancies though there has been no amendment in the Rules to this effect; and

(e) if so, the action Government propose to take against persons responsible for making direct recruitment against temporary vacancies in contravention of statutory provisions of the Rules and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (e) Instructions were issued on 28.3.88 and 10.1.89 to delink confirmation from availability of permanent vacancies in each grade. Central Secretariat Service (CSS) Rules do not provide for a linkage between confirmation and availability of vacancies in a particular grade. However, probationers have to pass the prescribed test, and complete their probation to the statisfaction of the appointing authority. CSS Rules provide for direct recruitment to onefifth of the substantive vacancies in Section Officer's grade. Right from 1988, actual direct recruitment to Section Officer's grade made every year is even less than one fifth of the substantive vacancies.

Preparation of panels for promotion of Under Secretaries

3222. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether year-wise panels for promotions to the post of Under Secretary in Central Secretariat Services have not been prepared since 1987;

(b) whether with the finalisation of Combined Seniority List in the Section Officers' Grade in January, 1993 there is neither any legal hitch nor judicial stay in preparation of these panels;

(c) the reasons for delay in preparing these panels and steps Government have taken to ensure early drawing of these panels; and

(d) by when these panels are likely to be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) Because of prolonged litigation relating to interse seniority of Direct Recruit and promotee Section Officers, Grade I panels of CSS could not be drawn up after 1986. However, a Common Seniority List (CSL) was finalised in pursuance of Supreme Court directions and issued to all the Cadre Authorities on 29-1-93. This CSL has been challenged in CAT but has not been stayed by CAT. A proposal for preparing 1987 Grade I panel has been sent to the UPSC on 21-3-1994. Thereafter, proposals for the 1988 and the 1989 Grade I panels have also been sent to the UPSC. The UPSC has been requested to prepare the panels at an early date.

Combined seniority list of Section Officers

3223. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Secretariat (Direct Recruits Gazetted) Association has made several representations to Government bringing out factual inaccuracies and inconsistencies in counter affidavits filed on behalf of Union of India in reply to the applications filed in Central Administrative Tribunal challenging the Combined Seniority list of Section Officers;

(b) if so, what are the points made in these representations and what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether any action is proposed against officers responsible for giving false and incorrect informations on affidavits and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The counter Affidavits have been filed on behalf of Union of India, based on the legal and factual position of the case filed in the Central Administrative Tribunal. The case, in any case, is subjudice at present and decision of the CAT is awaited.

Revision of pay scales of UDCs

3224. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the matter pertaining to the revision of pay scales of Upper Division Clerks working in the Central Government Departments has been referred to the Board of Arbitration where it is pending;

(b) is so, the details in this respect; and

(c) how much time the Board of Arbitration is expected to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) A demand for revision of pay scale of UDCs of Central Secretariat Clerical Service from Rs. 1200-2040 to Rs. 1400-2600 made in the Departmental Council of the Department of Personnel and Training was considered. It was, however, not found acceptable. The matter was referred to Board of Arbitration in May, 1992, where it is pending. It has now been listed for hearing on 15th and 16th September, 1994.

Safe drinking water to rural population

3225. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what percent of population was having access to safe drinking water in rural areas during 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): The State-wise percentage of population having access to state drinking water in rural areas during 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 171, Annexure No. 51.]

Development of Wasteland in Gujarat

3226. SHRI GOPAL SINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: